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SUBJECT: INDEPENDENCE PARTY FAILS TO FORM GOVERNMENT

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1. INDEPENDENCE PARTY EFFORTS TO FORM GOVERNMENT HAVE COLLAPSED, LEAVING WAY CLEAR FOR PROGRESSIVE PARTY CHAIRMAN OLAFUR JOHANNESON TO HEAD NEW LEFTIST COALITION.

2. FAILURE OF IP CHAIRMAN GEIR HALLGRIMSSON'S 18-DAY EFFORT WAS ASSURED WHEN JOHANNESSON REJECTED IP BID TO DISCUSS THREE PARTY COALITION WHICH WOULD HAVE ALSO INCLUDED SOCIAL DEMOCRATS. SDP HAS NOT FORMALLY REPLIED BUT EVEN IN HIGHLY UNLIKELY EVENT OF POSITIVE

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ANSWER, IP AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ALONE DO NOT CONTROL

ENOUGH SEATS TO FORM GOVERNMENT.

3. IN HI SREPLY YESTERDAY TO HALLGRIMSSOONS OFFER, JOHANNESSON SAID HE HAD EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PP, SDP, PEOPLES ALLIANCE, AND LIBERALS AND LEFTISTS WERE READY TO DISCUSS CREATION OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE PARTIES. PROGRESSIVES HAD, THEREFORE, DECIDED TO PURSUE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

4. COMMENT: HALLGRIMSSON IS EXPECTED TO FORMALLY CONCEDE FAILURE TO PRESIDENT WITHIN DAY OR TWO, AND PRESIDENT WILL THEN TURN TO JOHANNESSON. DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH NEGOTIATING HAS ALREADY GONE ON BEHIND THE SCENES BETWEEN PROBABLE COALITION PARTNERS, EVENTS COULD NOW MOVE VERY FAST.
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